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1. In implementing the instructions of the Cominform concerning the blockade against Yugoslavia, Albanian Communists have succeeded in injuring their own country far more than they have injured that of Marshal Tito. This is true in both the military and the economic spheres.
2. Prior to the break with Tito, the training of the Albanian Army was in charge of two young Yugoslav officers (both graduates of the USSR's Frunze Military Academy), Major Generals Jovan Kapicitic and Dimitri Georgevic. The development of an Albanian Air Force had been entrusted to Major Kost Lekic.
3. Between July and the beginning of October 1948, however, a purge of pro-Tito elements in Albania was carried out, on orders from Moscow. This purge was directed by Colonel General Koci Xoke. In October, Moscow expressed dissatisfaction with the results obtained by him, and he was therefore replaced as Minister of the Interior and Chief of Police. In November, during the Congress of the Albanian Communist Party which followed the return of Tuk Jakova from Moscow, Xoke and many other important governmental and military figures were ordered expelled from the Party, then placed under arrest. The following members of the Albanian Communist Party were among those imprisoned:

Pandit Kristo : Member of the Central Committee

Vasco Koleci : Candidate for the post of Organizational Secretary to the Party's Central Committee, and delegate on social and political questions to the Ministry of the Interior.

Vanci Mitrojogli : Chief of the Political Division of the Ministry of the Interior.

Myftar Tare : Chief of the Security Division of the Ministry of Interior.

Ismail Kuci : Political Secretary of the Central Committee, and President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Albanian parliament.

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Kadri Hoxha

: Organizational Secretary of the Tirana committee (sic) and President of the Electrification Commission.

Bibi Sima

: President of the Albanian Popular Front.

Major General Beqir Baluku, Chief of the General Staff, was also arrested.

4. The numerous Soviet delegations which have replaced the Yugoslavs as "advisers" to the Albanian Government are directed by two persons, the first of whom is a certain Arbatov, who acts independently of Russian Minister Chuvakin; and the second, Lieutenant Colonel Gorbatoov of the MGB, who is at present the real power in the Albanian Ministry of the Interior.

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